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1. THE MISSION DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING SOME APPOINTMENTS FOR DR. BLUM IN THE CRIMINAL POLICE AND JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION WITH OFFICIALS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT TERRORISTS. BECAUSE OF THE NORMAL ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF MOST BUREAUCRATS IN AUGUST, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SET UP ANY PUTATIVE APPOINTMENTS UNTIL DR. BLUM CAN FURNISH EXACT DATES FOR HIS VISIT.

2. CERTAIN TYPES OF CONTACTS WITH JUSTICE(PRISON) OFFICIALS COULD BE CONTROVERSIAL, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THEM WITH DR. BLUM. SINCE THE ESCAPE OF THE FOUR TERRORISTS ON JULY 7, THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF CUSTODY AND CARE OF TERRORISTS HAS BECOME VERY SENSITIVE. INDEED, THE BERLIN GOVERNMENT IS FACING A PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON JULY 23 ON PRECISELY THIS ISSUE. GIVEN THE DOMESTIC NATURE OF THIS POLITICAL PROBLEM, THE THREE

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MISSIONS HAVE AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES TO LIMIT OUR OFFICIAL

INQUIRIES ON THE MATTER TO THE BAREST MINIMUM. THE QUESTION OF THE ESCAPE IS UNDER GERMAN INVESTIGATION, WITH AN OFFICIAL REPORT NOT EXPECTED UNTIL OCTOBER 1. WE WOULD HAVE TO BE SURE THAT ANY INQUIRIES COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS IMPROPER OR TACTLESS US INTERFERENCE IN THIS PROCESS.

3. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR DR. BLUM TO ATTEMPT INTERVIEWS WITH TERRORISTS. EXCEPT FOR A HANDFUL OF PROTECTED STATE WITNESSES, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE ONLY FORMER TERRORISTS IN GERMANY ARE DEAD ONES. THE TERRORISTS PRESENTLY IN GERMAN JAILS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE CONTINUING MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF AN ONGOING AND STILL VERY DANGEROUS CONSPIRACY, WHICH BOASTS, INTER ALIA, OF A FUNCTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LINKING THE TERRORISTS INSIDE THE PRISON WITH THOSE OUTSIDE. THE IMPRISONED TERRORISTS ARE UNREGENERATE AND OF COURSE UNCOOPERATIVE. ANY AMERICAN INTRUSION INTO THIS FELLOWSHIP WOULD DOUBTLESS BE PERCEIVED AS PROVOCATORY, AND IN OUR JUDGMENT THIS COULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE SECURITY REPERCUSSIONS.

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